A Particular NARRATIVE Of a Great Engagement Between the GARISON of TANGIER, And the MOORS:

And of the Signal Victory which His MAJESTIES Forces obtained against them on the 27th. of October last.

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NOt to trouble you with an account of every days proceeding since the last that was made publick, though it would afford so many more instances of the great Care, Vigilance and Conduct of our late Governor Sir *Palmes Fairborne*, as well as of the Enemies Resolution to press this Place, we will begin this Relation from the day on which Sir *Palmes* received his Mortal Wound.

The 24th Instant in the morning our Governour was from a Line of the Enemies unfortunately shot in the Body, as he was giving Directions for breaking of Ground upon a little Eminence to the left of the Spur under *Peterborough* Tower, by which Work he designed to amuse the Enemy: who thereupon taking encouragement from the fall of Sir *Palmes*, or contemning the small Guard that was drawn out, made a very bold Sally out of their old Trenches; with which they had environed *Charles-Fort*, which the Spanish Officer at the head of 50 Horse (the 200 Spanish Horse being arrived some days before) observing, very bravely charged them, and forced them back into their Trenches, pursuing them to their very Line; from whence in his retreat they much galled him, killing him both Men and Horses, and making a second Sally with a greater number, (some of their Horse being likewise come up to assist them) which so little discouraged the Spaniards that they renewed the Charge, and forced the Moors a second time into their Trenches, and then retired, and drew up upon the Ground where they were first posted, by which time they were re-inforced by our English Horse and more Foot, which the Enemy perceiving thought not fit to attempt any thing further. In this Action was killed and Wounded eight or ten Spaniards, and as many Horses, a Captain in the Scotch Regiment mortally Wounded, with seven or eight private Soldiers.

The 25th, we perceived the Enemy had brought a Trench so very near our Stockado at *Rock-Fort*, on that side that looks towards *Ann Fort*, that they had taken encouragement from thence to begin a Gallery

lery in order to a Mine, the Ground being very commodious for it, and had likewise brought their Cannon to our old Place of Arms, which is but a Pistol-shot from the Fort, which progress and bold Proceedings of theirs, put Colonel *Sackville* (who succeeded Sir *Palmes Faireborne* in his Command) upon calling a Council of War, to consult what was fit to be done, for that it appeared without some extraordinary Action our new Work would be quickly in some distress; and in pursuance to the Resolutions that were then taken.

On Wednesday the 27, by three of the Clock in the morning, the Garison was in Arms, and such care was taken, that as well taken in drawing together our Men, as in their march out of the Town, so great a silence was observed, that although the Enemy had had Perdues on our very Walls, they could not have take the least Alarm; our Foot was disposed into six Battalions, one of which was composed of Seamen, under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Herbert*, and commanded under him by Major *Banlay*, the other Battalions being commanded by Major *Hacket*, Major *Boynton*, Captain *Giles*, Captain *Bowen*, and Captain *Spot*, the whole Party of Foot consisting of about 1500 Men; The Horse being seven Troops, amounting to 300, were commanded, the English by Captain *Neatby*, Captain *Cay*, and Captain *Langston*; the *Spanish* by *Don Salvador de Montfarte Don Marique de Moronia* (who commands two Troops) and *Don Fernando Penatelo* To amuse and divert the Enemy, the Horse belonging to the Mole, amounting to about 50 were ordered with Riders and a *Trumpet* at the head of them to March to the Spur at *Peterborough-Tower*, where we pitched several Colours, and had Drums appointed to beat a strong Alarm, Captain *Makenny* with the Town-Horse marching at the head of them. On the other side in the Bay where the Enemy had a Battery of 8 or 9 Guns, Admiral *Herbert* had appointed all the Boats of the Fleet with Waste-cloaths and Colours, to make shew as if they intended to attempt their Cannon; both which designs, especially the latter took very good effect, drawing a good number of the Enemy from their Trenches, which appeared by their pitching their Colours all a long the Coasts, and firing at the Boats. A particular Attack was likewise ordered to be made out of *Pole-Fort* by 150 Men under the command of Captain *Lundy* and Captain *Hume*, upon the nearest

[illegible] Trench, where the Moors had begun a Gallery, in order to the Mineing the Fort, in which Sally Mr. *Sheres*, His Majesties Surveyor General, to whose Valour and Advice much of our good success is to be attributed, was present.

The Horse marched first out of *Catherin Port*, and drew up in the Stockade just before it, then the Foot, and drew up according to the direction of Colonel *Sackville*, which was performed with so great silence that the whole party was almost drawn up, before the Moors took the Alarm. The disposition of the several Divisions, Advanced-Parties, and Reserves both of Horse and Foot was ordered in the most proper and Soldier-like manner the ground would permit, and the Posts that were to be attacked required. When the Party was ready to advance, Colonel *Sackville* gave the Signal to the Fort, from whence the Attack beforementioned upon the Enemies Gallery was to be first made; Major *Beckman* the Ingineer Marched out with them to give directions about demolishing the Enemies Worke, and stopping their Mine; The Attack proved a hot and very bloody piece of service, by reason of the Enemies having a greater Guard there than ordinary; the two Captains that commanded were immediately carried off dangerously wounded, as were most of the other Officers, among which was Lieutenant *Robinson*, and had not the Reserve come timely to their relief, that Party had run great hazard of being cut off. By this time the whole Body was engaged, the Enemy very stubbornly disputing every Line and Trench wherein we attacked them, coming to Push of Pike, and handy-blows in several places; The particularities of every Action is hard to set down; but after we had beaten them from their new Trenches, we advanced to the old Line, where our Forts formerly stood, which was performed with great loss on our side (there being not above 50 Men left in one of the Battalions of my Lord *Inckiquin's* Regiment) and at length by levelling the Trenches made a passage for the Horse, through which Captain *Neatby* with his Troop advanced upon the Enemy, as did likewise *Don Salvador de Monforte*, and *Don Manrique de Moronia*, with theirs, who found a passage a little more to the Right; upon which the Moors turned their Backs, and betook themselves to flight from all quarters, being pursued by our Horse and

& Foot, who made very great slaughter among them; Many of their Horse performed very daringly for the rescue of their Foot, among which several of their principal Men fell. We pursued them scattered like Sheep at least a Mile into the Country, killing several of them in the very Camp among their Tents. We took two pieces of Cannon, five Colours, several Prisoners, and had taken many more had they not refused quarter, and killed by computation about 500. After our Horse and Foot were retreated within our old Lines, which we possessed from *James* to *Monmouth Fort*, we fell to filling and levelling their Trenches, wherein we buried many of their Dead, who very bravely lost their lives in the defence of them; we also took in an adventageous spot of ground to our new Fortifications, which we fortified with a good Stockade, from whence we discover the Bottom, where the Enemy before lay in Covert from the Fort, and where they had begun their Gallery in order to their Mine, which about three of the Clock was finished, and then we retreated and marched into the Town in very good order, the Enemy contrary to their custom permitting us to retire without the least disturbance. Some hours after died Sir *Palmes Fairborne* our Governour, having first had the satisfaction to hear of our success, whose loss is very much lamented by the whole Garison.

In the mean time such of the Enemies dead that remained unburied, being laid together near *Catherine Port*, Colonel *Sackville* our present Commander, writ to the *Alcayde*, offering him leave to bury them: He, or some body for him (for it is uncertain yet whether he be living or dead) returned a very civil Answer, and accordingly the Moors fetcht off the Bodies, (and brought three of ours that remained in the Field) in a very melancholy manner, examining several Heads with great care, many whereof they wrapt up in clean Linnen; by which we discovered they were Men of Note among them. One of them that fell we conclude to be the *Alcayde's* Brother by several Papers that were found about him.

This is the fullest Account we can as yet give you of so glorious an action, wich, though much is due to the Conduct and Bravery of Colonel *Sackville*, Vice Admiral *Herbert*, and all the Officers, as well as to the undaunted Courage of the Soldiers, and among them

them the *Spanish* Horse who all in their several Post behaved themselves with as much Gallantry, as could possibly be shown by Men, yet must wholly be ascribed to the Divine Assistance and Protection without which it would have been impossible for such a handful of men to have perform'd what they did, having attacked and defeated so numerous and daring Enemies, pursued them a mile together, level'ed and filled up their Lines and Trenches, Demolished all their other Works, and taken Cannon, Colours and Prisoners, the marks of an Entire Victory; Of which Lieutenant-Colonel *Talmash*, who was a sharer in the danger and honor of it, is gone for *England* to give his Majestie a particular Relation.

LIST of the Killed and Wounded.

In the Battallion of Guards.

Lieutenant *Robinson* shot through the Arm & Body, and 51 private Soldiers wounded, and seven killd.

In the Earl of *Dumbarton*'s Regiment.

Captain *Forbus* killed three days before this Action.
Captain *Julius Lockart*
Captain *Robert Lundy* } Wounded.
Captain *George Hume*
Captain *Ro: Douglas*
Captain *Hen. Porey*
Leiutenant *Scot* killed
Lieutenant *William Gascocke*
Lieutenant *Geo. Murray*
Lieutenant *Alex. Ennis* } wounded
Lieutenant *Charles Corson*
Lieutenant *Geo. Bainesmain*
Lieutenant *James Mac Roen*
Lieutenant *Jam. Stuart*
Lieutenant *John Ankmooty*
Lieutenant *Gilbert Butler*
Ensign *Dan. Farrel* killed.
Ensign *Archibald Murray* killed.
Ensign *John Mowast* wounded.

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Lieutenant *Alexander St. Leger*
Ensign *John Bell* } Reformed Officers killed.
Ensign *Hen. Rue*
Six Sergeants killed and mortally wounded.
Private Soldiers 30 killed 100 wounded.

In Earl *Inchiquin*'s Regiment.

Captain *Philpott* dangerously shoot in the Knee.
Lieutenant *Guy*
Lieutenant *Tate*
Ensign *Roberts* dangerously wounded in the Thigh
Ensign *Thomas* } wounded.
Ensign *Fitzpatrick*
Ensign *Webster*
Ensign *Norwood*
Ensign *Beckford*
Ensign *Elliot*
Ensign *Watson* } killed.
Ensign *Trant*
Private Soldiers 34 killed, 124 wounded.

Of Vice-Admiral *Herbert*'s Battallion.

Captain *Dungon* killed.
Lieutenant *White* killed.
Ten private Soldiers killed, two Serjeants, and 22 private Soldiers wounded.

Of the Spanish Horse

In the Troop of Don *Salvador de Monforte*, his Cornet and two others killed; Three Reformed Officers, and 17 private Soldiers wounded; Twelve Horses killed, and as many wounded.

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In Don *Antonio Penatelo*'s Troop.

Two private Soldiers killed, and three wounded; Three Horses killed, and three wounded.

In the two Troops of Don *Manrique de Moronia.*

The Lieutenant, Cornet, and a reformed Officer, with ten private Soldiers wounded, and nine killed; eight Horses killed, and eight wounded.

English Horse.

In Captain *Neatby*'s Troops Lieutenant *Capel*; wounded in the Right Arm; Cornet *Windham* shot in the Right Arm, which is cut off; Five private Soldiers wounded; 9 Horses, wounded, and five killed.

In all, seven Commission Officers, killed.

Wounded, whereof many Mortally, 24.

Non-Commission Officers, and private Souldier, 90 killed.

Wounded, whereof a third part Mortally, 348

Horses killed 41 Wounded 54.

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